

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 10-48, 66, 67, and 69-97 were pending. Claims 10-48, 66, 67, and 69-97 were rejected. In this response, claims 10 and 28 have been amended. No claims have been added, or cancelled. Reconsideration of this application, in light of the following arguments, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 10 and 28 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,785,708. It is respectfully submitted that a terminal disclaimer will be submitted when the present application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 10-48, 66, 67, and 69-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over an article entitled “VolanoChat Java solution turns ordinary Web sites into interactive money makers”, Business Wire, pp1-2 (“Volano”), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,572,619 of Judson (hereinafter “Judson”), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,862,330 of Anupam et al. (hereinafter “Anupam”), and further in view of “The Sociable Web” by Donath et al. (hereinafter “Donath”).

With respect to independent claim 10 as amended, the applicants claim:

10. A method for embedding chat functions in a Web page, comprising:  
in response to a command received by a computer, establishing a browser region including a browser frame controlled by a browser client on a display device;  
establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region synchronized with the browser region;  
in response to receiving chat content including a link to a web page, the chat client effecting displaying of the chat content in the chat region;  
in response to detecting selection, by a user of the display device, of the link displayed in the chat region, the chat client invoking the browser client with the link; and

in response to the invoking, the browser client obtaining from a server the web page that corresponds to the link and displaying the obtained web page in the browser frame. (Emphasis Added)

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection because the references, alone or in combination fail to describe or suggest each and every element as claimed in claim 10.

Volano describes chat and chat server software for embedding and controlling chat in a web page without requiring a special browser (Volano, page 1). Volano then describes that the software can embed banner advertisements within a chatroom (Volano, pages 1-2). However, Volano is a very general advertisement that merely discusses chat and server software without describing linking or synchronizing chat and browser functions within one browser region of a general purpose web browser. Furthermore, Volano fails to describe synchronizing chat and browser regions after a link has been selected within a chat region of a web page.

Anupam describes a “controller” within an internet server for controlling collaborative web browsing sessions, including chat, without requiring special web browsers (Anupam, Abstract and Column 2, line 18 to Column 3, line 43). If a browsing session is collaborative, then the originator of the collaborative session controls the browsing of all participants of the browsing session (Anupam, Column 4, lines 6-26). That is, if the originator changes a web page all other participants are controlled by the server and change to the page selected by the originator. Thus, Anupam neither discusses users selecting links nor a browser to synchronize link selection within a chat session and browsing functions, because all browsing is controlled by the originator.

Further, Judson merely describes that when a link is selected, a web browser displays something, such as an image or icon, while a picture is loading (Judson, Column 6, lines 13-61). As such, links are associated within “information objects” that define what should be displayed while an image is loaded by a web browser. However, Judson

merely describes a method and apparatus for implementing the information objects described above. Judson, therefore, fails to describe or suggest chat functions within a web browser or synchronizing chat and browsing functions when a user selects a link within a chat region.

Furthermore, Donath describes a special web browser for implementing a sociable web environment (Donath, page 2). As described by Donath, a user can anchor to a web page and communicate via chat with others on a web page (Donath, pages 2-3). In the sociable web browser, a user can chat with others and include links within the sociable web chat session. If a user selects a link within a chat session, the user will follow the link (Donath, page 3). However, merely describing following a link fails to describe a browser with synchronized chat and browsing functions.

The Applicants, however, claim “establishing a chat region ... synchronized with the browser region; [so that] ... in response to detecting selection, by a user of the display device, of the link displayed in the chat region, the chat client invoking the browser client with the link; and in response to the invoking, the browser client obtaining from a server the web page that corresponds to the link and displaying the obtained web page in the browser frame.” That is, a user can select a link in a chat region to display a web page in the browser frame of a browser region, while continuing to chat. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest, alone or in combination, the above limitations. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 10 is patentable over the cited references.

Furthermore, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine Donath with the remaining references. Volano, Anupam, and Judson each describe various applications, as discussed above, which are specifically designed to be implemented in a standard web browser. Furthermore, each reference discusses its benefit in terms of not

requiring a specially created browser thus enabling the use of any number of web browsers. However, Donath explicitly requires “a non-standard browser” that only implements the features of Donath when the sociable web browser connects to a sociable web server (Donath, page 2 and page 3, “Current Status” link). Thus, Donath teaches away from the methods and implementations of Volano, Anupam, and Judson. As such, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine Volano, Anupam, and Judson with Donath (e.g. four different and inconsistent references), for at least the reasons discussed above. Even if, for the sake of argument, they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitation set forth above. Thus, for the reasons set forth above, claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Similarly, independent claims 28 and 48 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 10. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 28 and 48 are patentable over the cited references.

Given that the remaining claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully submitted.

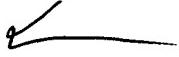
## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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